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Degeneration of Somatic Plant Tissue
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Sir:

In making a routine inquiry as when to expect the overdue Written Opinion on the above identified application, Applicants' agent was advised that the U.S. Examining Authority appears to have misplaced the timely filed Demand.

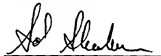
Applicants' agent was advised to file this Petition and enclose with it the proof of the timely filing of the Demand. Attached herewith is a copy of the Demand, along with the change of address filed on same date, February 23, 2000. Applicants agent was advised that the Deposit Account was already debited for the fees incurred in the filing of the Demand, but in the event they were not, authorization to charge the Deposit Account is again authorized in the form of the attached fee calculation sheet.

Also enclosed is a new Power of Attorney to the benefit of the undersigned.

In light of the error in not timely processing the timely filed Demand, and given the short time in which to receive and respond to the Written Opinion before deciding whether to enter National Stages, an expedited and favorable decision on this Petition is urgently requested.

If there are any fees incurred in the filing of this Petition, authorization to charge Applicants Deposit Account 50-1407 is hereby given.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sol Sheinbein

Agent for Applicant

Date: December 4, 2000

February 21, 2000

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